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## PREFACE

The Editors are pleased to present this first issue of the **NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW**. Such an undertaking is, in our belief, consonant with the current trends in both the school and the field.

The International Law Society was founded in the fall of 1978. Perhaps best noted for its guest speaker program, in which the Society hosted a series of lectures by Messrs. Ernest A. Gross, G. Winthrop Haight, James N. Hyde, Professor Clive Parry and Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne, the Society has also successfully conducted symposia: Access to Third World Resources and Foreign Investment in the United States. With this issue, the Society endeavors to expand the scope of its activities to include the publication of a legal journal.

The first article is a transcript of the speech by Mr. G. Winthrop Haight, which he delivered at the law school on February 8, 1979. Mr. Haight dealt with the broad topic of international business, providing valuable insights and a wealth of information to his audience. The positions which he has presented on critical policy issues raised by the "New International Economic Order" invite serious reflection.

Professor Peter W. Schroth has contributed a footnoted transcript of a speech delivered at a comparative law conference in Yugoslavia. The introduction succinctly frames the larger cultural context essential to the appreciation of any system of law. In that context, Professor Schroth evaluates American products liability from perspectives often ignored by Americans.

We are encouraged by the interest which NYLS students have demonstrated in producing manuscripts, two of which are presented in this issue. "U.S. International Taxation," by Louis Ceruzzi, was originally written for Professor Myres McDougal's course in International Business. John Spitals' paper on "Intellectual Property—E.C.J." was written for European Community Law, a course taught jointly by Professors Peter Schroth and Christine Chinkin.

With this publication, the Editors hope to accomplish a dual purpose. The **JOURNAL** will provide a vehicle for the expression of

scholarly views on international legal issues and, equally important, will promote student scholarship. The exigencies of international trade, as well as the growing impact of bilateral and multilateral accords and 'discords,' require academic attention. We propose to focus upon these and related fields by publishing a wide range of articles. In its effort to broaden American perspectives and international understanding, the JOURNAL will expand the tradition of publishing notes and comments from our own students by actively seeking foreign law students' papers.

The Editors have high aspirations for the future of the JOURNAL. It is the first aim of a legal education to provide the student with a thorough grounding in the research and writing skills essential to effective advocacy. Second, an informed appreciation of a system of law, particularly with a system as dependent upon stare decisis as our own, can only arise with a knowledge of its evolution. Any reasonable prediction of the evolutionary direction of the system will increasingly depend upon a familiarity with international law. Should the JOURNAL contribute to any of these aims, then it will not have been in vain.

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